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SUBJECT: EDX: PAN AFRICAN- U. S. TRACK MEET

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1. CONVEYED TO SCSA SECGEN GANGA GIST OF NEWSOM- MOORE LETTER OF FEB 22. GANGA EXPRESSED ANXIETY THAT PAN- AFRICA- U. S. MEET WOULD PROVE TO BE A BURDENSOME TRADITION IF SPECIAL FINANCING CANNOT BE FOUND. HE SAID RECENT DOLS 130,000 ANNUAL GRANT FROM OAU FOR SCSA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES WAS DOLS 20,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR' S GRANT AND COULD IN NO WAY BE STRETCHED TO COVER ANY OF MAJOR DAKAR EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARE FOR AMERICAN ATHLETES. SENEGAL HAS CONTRIBUTED 5 MILLION FRANCS CFA AND WILL COVER EXPENSE OF HOSTING ATHLETES, THOUGH GANGA SAID HE DOUBTED GATE RECEIPTS WOULD OFFER SENEGAL MUCH RETURN ON ITS INVESTMENT. NEVERTHELESS, HE WAS CONFIDENT SCSA COULD MANAGE ALL OTHER EXPENSES ON AFRICAN END IF ONLY FINANCING CAN BE FOUND FOR U. S. TEAMS AIR TRAVEL.

2. GANGA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM DAKAR WHERE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR PAN- AFRICAN- LATIN AMERICAN TRACK MEET TO BE HELD IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, SUBSEQUENT TO DAKAR MEET. HE COMMENTED THAT MEXICO HAD GENEROUSLY AGREED TO PROVIDE AIR TRAVEL FOR AFRICAN ATHLETES FROM DAKAR TO MEXICO AND RETURN. KEMP

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